

A
COLLECTION
OF DIVERS
ORDERS
&
RULES,

Heretofore established for the making
and passing Entries in the Custome-
House, as well for Merchandise, as for
Goods from Port to Port within
this Nation.

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oners of the *Customes*.

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A Collection of divers Orders
and Rules heretofore established
for the making and passing En-
tries in the Custome-House, &c.

Whereas certaine reason-
able and necessary Ar-
ticles, Orders and Di-
rections bearing Date
the 27th January, in
the seventh yeare of
the late Queen Elizabeth, remaining
upon Record in the Court of Ex-
chequer, and divers other Rules and
Penalties by severall Statutes, Acts
and Ordinances of Parliament, have
been since devised and made for the
better levying and receiving of the Cu-
stomes and Subsidies: The due exe-
cution and practise whereof, have been
for some years past much neglected, to

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the great hurt and damage of the
Common-wealth, as well in matter
of Custome and Subsidy as by the
Importation and Exportation of
goods prohibited.

For prevention Whereof, and to the
end the said Articles, Orders, and Di=
rections may be hereafter duely obser=
ved, and put in Execution, for the
more regular management of the af=
fares of the Customs, and that
none may pretend ignorance thereof,
or unwittingly commit any Offen=
ces contrary thereunto, We the pre=
sent Commissioners of the Cu=
stomes, have made a Collection of
some of the aforesaid Articles, Di=
ders and Rules, and have caused
them to be published in Print, as fo=
lloweth: viz.

Notice of
the com=
ming in, and
going out of
Ships.

The Surveyor, Searcher, or other
Officer attending in any Port or
Creek, shall give knowledge to the
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Collector of the head Port to which they belong (With all convenient speed) of every Ship that commeth in, or goeth out, at any Tide by Way of Merchandise, or With goods from another Port by Certificate.

There shall be one Shippers Book Outwards, and another Inwards, in every Custom-house, Wherein every Shipper going out, or coming in by Way of Merchandise, or With Commodities of this Nation to or from any other Ports by Certificate, shall enter openly in the Custom-house the name of the Ship, and of the Master, the Burthen, of Whence and to, or from what Place it is freighted, before he take in any Lading, or discharge any Goods, Wares, or Merchandises Whatsoever.

The Master or Purser of every Ship coming in by Way of Merchandise, shall deliver under his hand

Shippers
Books.

Shippers
Entry In-
wards.

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and upon his Oath before the Collector, or Checque, one Bill of the particulars and contents of the whole Lading of the Ship, with the Names of the severall Merchants, or the Marke, Package and outward form of the Goods and Merchandise according to his knowledge; And shall also make Declaration upon Oath, That he hath not broken Bulk since he came into the Port, or into any other Port in this Nation or the Dominions thereof, otherwise than in the said Bill shall be expressed; and shall answer to such other questions concerning the Lading of his said Ship, as shall be demanded of him by the said Collector, or the Checque. But in case he hath broken Bulke in any other port, Then he shall deliver likewise upon his Oath the particulars of the goods so delivered in the Port, where he first did break Bulke; which Entries and Declarations so made as aforesaid, shall be entred into the Ship=
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pers Book Inwards after the Ships Entry, and be filed together in Order, and With the Shippers Book shall remaine and bee kept safely in the Customs-house.

Every Master of a Ship that shall Shippers
Entries
Outwards.
Lade any Goods or Merchandise for the part beyond the Seas, shall enter his Ship With the Collector and Checque before hee take in any Goods, and before his Departure shall give notice of his whole Lading, With the names of the Merchants that have Laden Goods in him, and shall answer upon Oath to such Questions concerning the same as shall be demanded of him, upon paine of the forfeiture of 100 l.

All Masters or Purseres of Ships Time allowed for
the Entering
and discharging
Ships
Inwards.
arriving from any forraigne parts, shall Within foure dayes after their arrivall, make Entry of their Ship or Vessel in the said Port as aforesaid,
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and shall unlade and discharge the same with all convenient speed; And if such Ship or Vessel shall not bee fully unladen within thirty dayes after the Entry (unlesse in case of necessity appearing to the Collectors) the Owner and Propriator of such goods as shall remaine on Board at that time, shall beare the charge of such Officers as shall continue on Board: And the Master of such Ship or Vessel respectively, combining with the Merchant therein, shall lose his Portage.

Penalty for
a Shipper
consenting
to Land or
Ship goods.

The Master of any Ship that shall suffer goods to bee Landed or Shipped without payment of Subsidy and other Duties, or at an unlawful time or place doth forfeit 100 l.

No Strangers
Ships
may be im-
ployed from
Port to
Port.

No person may Lade, or carry any Goods or Merchandise from Port to Port within this Nation, in any Ship or Bosome whereof any Stranger is Owner,

Owner, Master, or part Owner, up=
on paine of forfeiture of the Goods.

Every Merchant, or other, that will Entries of
transport any goods by Way of Mer=
chandise for foraine Ports, shall make Merchandise
his Entry particularly thereof, With Outwards.
the Collector and Checque by a bill
under his hand, or the hand of his As=
signe, With the name of the Ship, the
Master, the burthen, of Whence, and
to What place it is freighted, With the
markes and numbers of the Packs,
Caske, Fardles, or other bulke, and the
true quantity and quality of the goods
therein contained; Which Bill shall be
forthwith entred in a Booke by the
Collector, and delivered to the Checque
to be entred by him likewise, and to file
and keep the Bill of every Ship toge=
ther as they shall be entred, and the
true value of the goods, and of the
Customs, Subsidies, and duties there=
upon due, shall be likewise set forth,
and charged in the Bookes at the time
the

the Merchant maketh his Entry.

Store and
Portage.

All Goods and Merchandise allow-
ed for Store, Portage, or provision, In-
wards or Outwards, shall be valued
according to the Booke of Rates (al-
though the same neither doth nor
shall pay any Custome or Subsidy)
and shall be entred in Bookes di-
stinctly and apart by them-
selves.

Entries to
be made in
the Custom-
house.

No Entry, nor agreement with any
Merchant or others, for Custome or
Subsidy, shall be made by the Collector
or others; nor any Cocquet, Warrant,
or Certificat, Sealed or Subscribed,
but openly in the Custome-house.

Searcher to
have the
Cocquets &
Warrants at
the Landing
& Shipping
of Goods.

The Searcher or Surveyor
shall have al Cocquets, Certificats, and
Warrants delibered unto him before
the Shipping or Landing of any
goods therein contained, and at the
time of the Shipping or Landing
thereof,

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thereof, shall have the said Cocquets, Certificats, and Warrants with them, that the Goods may be thereby examined and tryed.

Every Merchant shall have his particular Cocquet, and Certificat by himselfe, sealed and subscribed openly in the Custom-house, by the Collector and Cheque, bearing date the same day that he entered his Goods.

Particular
Cocquets.

All Entries, Inwards or Outwards, by License, shall be indorsed upon each particular License, with the name of the Merchant, the date of the Cocquet or Entry, and the particular quantities Shipped or Land-
ed by vertue thereof, shall be also set out and Entered in the Bookes to which they properly belong.

Indorsment
of Licenses.

All Merchandise Customed Outwards in any Ship or Vessel, which

Certificates
or Indorse-
ments of
Cocquets.

Which for some cause cannot be Laden aboard, the same Ship shall be appointed to another Ship by Certificat openly sealed, subscribed, and delivered in the Custome-house, upon the Oaths of the Searcher or Surveyor, and of the Owners thereof, openly taken, that the said Goods did not passe according to former Cocquet.

Entryes
Inwards.

Every Merchant or other that will enter any Merchandise inwards, or take up any Goods by store or Portage, shall make Entry thereof particularly, and deliver a Bill thereof at large under his hand or the hand of his Assignee, to the Collector, with the name of the Ship, and of the Master, the burthen, of whence, and from what place it was freighted, with the marks and numbers of the Fardles, Bulk & Package, in the margin, and and the true quantities and qualities of the Goods therein contained. And the said Collector shall with all convenient

ent speed cast up the value of the Goods, and Merchandise therein, and the Customes and Subsidies thereupon due, and Write it upon the said Bill, with the number and date of the Bill, according to which it shall be presently entred in the Book Inwards, to be kept by the said Collector, and then by him delivered to the Checque, to be likewise Entred, according to which Bill, another being subscribed by the said Collector and Checque, and numbered and dated as the former shall be to the Surveyor, Searcher or Waite, a Warrant to suffer the Wares and Merchandise therein contained to be Landed and discharged according.

All manner of Wares that any ^{Bills at sight.} Merchant entreteth at sight, shall be taken up by a Warrant (ad visum) Dated the day of the Entry thereof, subscribed and delivered openly in the Custom-house to the Searcher or Surveyor, Who shall see the same
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brought to the Custome-house Key
or Wharfe, and give knowledge there-
of to the said Officers, which Offi-
cers shall suffer the said Goods to be
taken up in the presence of the Surbey-
or or Searcher, and viewed in some
convenient place; and the Owner
thereof shall forthwith make an En-
try thereof particularly under his
hand, or the hand of his assigne, with
the Collector and Checque, and there-
upon a Warrant shall be made for the
clearing and passing of the said Wares
as abovesaid.

Waiters to
be appoint-
ed by the
Collector.

In every Port where more then
one (whether Searcher, Surbeyor, or
Waiters) are appointed to attend,
There the Collector of the same Port
shall nominate, and direct under his
hand which and how many of them
shall take charge of every respective
Ship, going forth or coming into the
same Port, either from beyond Sea, or
from any other Port within this Na-
tion,

tion, to see the Goods and Merchandise therein cleared and discharged, according to such Warrants as he or they shall receive from the Collector and Checque.

Every Merchant Stranger that entreteth any Merchandise brought from beyond Seas, shall enter into Bond with the Collector, for imployment to be made according to the Statute.

Bonds of
impliment

Every Searcher or Surveyor shall enter in a Booke the day of the going out and coming in of every Ship, by way of Merchandise, or by Certificat from another Port, with the name of the Ship and Master, and the Date of every mans Cocquet, Warrant and Certificat, as they in order of the dayes of every month shall fall out.

Searchers &
Surveyors
Book.

If any Wharfinger, Crane keeper, Searcher, Lighterman, Waiter or other

Wharfingers
Crane-keepers, or Officers
consenting to fraud
in matters of
Custome.

other Officer, doe consent or know of any Goods shipped or landed without payment of Subl. dy, &c. or at an unlawfull place, or an unlawfull time, and doe not disclose the same within one moneth after he shall forfeit 100 l.

False Cocquets and Warrants.

Every Officer that maketh any Cocquet or Warrant contrary, or disagreeing to the Entry of any Goods or Merchandise, shall be fined and punished according to his Offence.

Entering Strangers Goods in an English mans name.

Every Merchant, English or Stranger, That shall enter the Goods of a Stranger in the name of an Englishman, shall forfeit and lose the Goods and Merchandise so entred, and all his Goods personall.

English-men inhabiting beyond Sea.

English men Inhabiting beyond Sea, and borne Subjects to forraine Princes, are to pay Customes and other duties, as Strangers, so long as they so continue.

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Every one borne out of the Nation, ^{Denizens.} and after made Denizen, shall pay like Customs as before he was made Denizen, except Merchants of the Stilliard.

If any Searcher shall give way to ^{Connivence of the Searcher.} the transportation of money or unlawful passengers, he shall lose his place, and all his goods, and suffer one yeares imprisonment.

All Officers Whom it concernes ^{Seisures.} in their respective places, shall be diligent and carefull to make stay, and seisure of Goods, Wares and Merchandise, that shall be brought in or carried out, or intended to be carried out of this Nation, or the Dominions thereof, contrary to the Lawes, or any Act or Ordinance of Parliament.

All Goods and Merchandise that ^{The custody of Seisures.} shall be seised or stayed as aforesaid, shall presently after such seisure or stay be delivered into the charge and

Custody of the Commissioners of the Customs for the time being, or of the Collector in the Port where such seizure or stay shall be made, there to remain until a sufficient Warrant and Discharge (as well in respect of the Customs and Subsidy, as of the seizure and forfeiture) shall be brought for release and delivery thereof.

The Register for Seizures.

A Note in Writing of all and every seizure and stay of Goods, and of all lutes and Informations, for or concerning the Importation, or Exportation of Goods prohibited or uncustomed shall be forthwith by the party that doth seize or prosecute the same, delivered to the Register for seizures and forfeitures for the time being, resident at the Customs-house, in the Port of London; The said Register taking no fee or recompence for the entering thereof.

No Composition without Seizure.

No Officer or other person, shall make

make composition or agreement for the seizure or forfeiture of any Goods prohibited or uncustomed, without License out of the Court of Exchequer, or other lawfull Warrant first had and obtained by the Offendor, upon the paines and penalties by the Lawes in that behalfe made and provided.

All Compositions, Fines, Recoveries, Warrants, Orders, and other discharges to be had, made, or granted, for, or upon the aforesaid seizures and informations be entred in the Register aforesaid, and the monyes thereupon due and payable, be satisfied and paid to the Commissioners of the Customs, for the use of the Navy, before the respective Goods therein concerned be released or delivered.

The moyety of Seizure to be paid before the Goods be released.

All Appraisments of Goods, Wares and Merchandise seized as aforesaid, be shewed and delivered to the

Appraisments.

Register aforesaid, before they be returned into the Exchequer to be by him examined and entred, and if the Goods be to much undervalued, the said Register is to make stay thereof, and to acquaint some of the Barons of the Exchequer therewith, to the end that a review, and new appraisement may be made of the Goods.

Coast Cocks
quers for
forraigne
Goods.

Every Merchant that carieth any forraigne Goods or Merchandise, from the Port where they were first entred to a nother Port by Water or by Land, shall bring a Certificat from the Collector of the Port where they were first entred, testifying the payment of the Custome, with the true quantity and quality of the Goods, and shall not discharge his Goods before he deliver his Certificat to the Collector of the Port to which the Goods shall be brought, upon paine of forfeiture of the said Goods, And if the Certificat be not made according to the first Entry,

Entry, the Collector shall lose his place.

Every person or persons, that will ^{English} Ship or carry any ^{Goods Cu-} Goods or Merchan- ^{stomable or} dize (prohibited, or whereof any the Du- ^{prohibited.} ties of Custome or Subsidy are paya- ble) to discharge the same in any other Port or place within this Nation, shall before the Shipping thereof declare, and manifest under his or their hands, to the Collector and Checque of the Customes, in the Port where the same shall be Shipped, in the open Custome-house, the nature, Length, number, and other contents, and the value of such Goods, together with the name of the Ship, and of the Master, the place of Whence, and for which he is freighted, & with the approbation of the said Collector and Checque shall also make & enter into a sufficient obli- ^{Bond.} gation in the Law, in which he shall be bound with sufficient sureties, in such sum of money as shall amount

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to double the value of the Goods so declared, and manifested, With condition that the same shall be discharged at some Port or Creek Within this Nation, and in no other Place. And in case any of the said Goods or Merchandise, shall be Shipped or Laden in any Ship or other Vessel, to be carried or passed between Port and Port as aforesaid, before such Declarations shall be made, and security given as aforesaid,

The forfeiture of the Goods.

That then all and every the said Goods and Merchandise, shall be forfeited and lost, the one moiety or the value thereof to be to him or them that will seize or sue for the same, and the other moiety or value thereof, or the Fine or Composition for the same to be paid to the Commissioners, and Collectors of the Customes, for the time being, for the use of the Navy.

Returne within four moneths.

That every person or persons, that shall

Shall Ship such Goods, and Shall be bound as aforesaid, Shall within four monthes next after the Shipping thereof, bring a true Certificat from the Port or Place, Where he or they Shall discharge the said Goods, testifying that the same Goods so Shipped, and the true nature, Length, Weight, Number, and other contents or value thereof is there discharged, Which Certificat Shall upon discharge of the Goods be delivered to the Party discharging the same Without delay.

All and every the said Bonds for which Certificats are returned, Shall be delivered halfe yearely into the Exchequer, With the Certificats therunto annexed, and indorsed also thereupon, And every Easter Terme after the accompt of the Officers that did take them is past, The said Bonds Shall be delivered to every person that Will sue for the same, paying onely twelve pence, for the delivery thereof, to the

Bonds to be delivered into the Exchequer and redelivered to the parties.

Officer

Officer that hath the Custodie of them.

All other of the said Bonds that be expired, and no Certificat returned according to the conditions, shall be delivered into the Exchequer halfe yearly, that execution may be had thereupon.

Forfeited
Bonds.

Every person that bringeth any Goods, Wares or Merchandise, from any Port within this Nation, into another Port within the same, by Certificat, shall make Entry thereof under his hand, and shall bring his Certificat to the Commissioners or Collectors of the Subsidy in the respective Ports, which Commissioners, Collectors, or their Substitutes, shall make a Warrant at large, to the Waiters or Searchers to suffer the same Goods, Wares and Merchandise, to be taken up according to the Entry and Certificat.

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In the passing of Goods from Port to Port within this Nation, the Collectors and other Officers are to understand by Goods Customable, All Wares and Commodities growing, wrought or manufactured within this Nation; and all forraigne Commodities and Merchandises, which have been imported and remained in this Nation (*viz*) by an English man above twelve months, and by a Stranger above nine months, and the property altered, by the Sale thereof made by the first Importer.

And by Goods prohibited to bee exported, Moneys, Bullion, Plate, Jewells, Woollen yarne, and Cloath undrest, Horses, Mares, Oxen, Kine, Sheep, Copper, Brasse, Bell metall, Panne metall, Gun metall, shruffe, White Ashes, Butter, Cheefe, Wood, and Corne (when it is above the price limited by Statute) Also Leather, Hides, Tallow, and all things made thereof, Skins of Sheep or
D Pelts,

Pelts, and of Stag, Hind, Buck, Doe or Fawne, Goat or Kidd, Wooll, Worsted Yarne Woollen Flock, Woollfells, Fullars Earth, and Clay of what kind soever.

It is further to be noted, That by Grocery and Saltery wares is meant forraigne Commodities onely, which have been formerly brought from beyond the Seas, and the duties paid Inwards, and that no Merchandise or manufactures, of England or Wales, are to passe under those generall names.

The Collectors and other Officers of the Customes, are likewise diligently to obserbe and performe the Articles, Rules and directions annexed to the present Book of Rates, and such others as are directed by any Ordinance of Parliament published 16 Dec: 1647. or by a late Act made for the Raising and Levying of Money, by way of Excise; or by any other Statute

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~~late~~ Act or Ordinance of Parliament,
now in force for or concerning the pay-
ment of the Subsidy of Tonnage
and Poundage, or the importation or
exportation of Goods prohibited.



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